

SCHOOL OF LAW DUBAI

HISTORY

At the start of September 2008, pursuant to the approval of the University Board, the Rector of the Saint Joseph University of Beirut, Prof. René Chamussy, SJ, inaugurated a center for university studies in Dubai, in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, Prime Minister and Vice President of the United Arab Emirates, Ruler of the Emirate of Dubai.

Since its inauguration in 2008, the School of Law in Dubai (FDSPD) has been offering a prestigious Bachelor of Law program to students living in the United Arab Emirates with the aim of preparing them to become leaders in the legal market. The School has, in fact, designed a special program tailored to the Emirati and the GCC legal framework, while maintaining the same academic values of the program offered at the Faculty of Law and Political Science in Beirut.

After more than ten years of establishment in Dubai, the School of Law in Dubai has designed a master program entitled “Master of Laws in Business Law”. This program offers students the opportunity to delve into the most demanded topics in the field of business law.

MISSION

The Saint Joseph University Dubai continues the mission of the main campus in putting knowledge in the service of the community. The university strives to form graduates who are committed to critical and inventive thinking, lifelong learning, personal integrity, and social responsibility, while fostering connections with its graduates. Established in Dubai in 2008, the university has been committed to contributing to the advancement of higher education as a public service, actively contributing in the national agenda of Emiratization. The Saint Joseph University Dubai is also committed to becoming a reference in providing an excellent level of education, research and training in the fields of law, legal education and translation in the United Arab Emirates. It aims to serve the country while remaining open at the regional and international levels.

ADMINISTRATION

Dean: Marie-Claude NAJM KOBEH

Vice Dean: Rita WAKED

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mary MATAR, Academic Coordinator

FACULTY

Professors

Nisrine ABIAD, Antoine EID, Youmna ZEIN HAYEK, Nagib HAGE CHAHINE*

** Agrégé des facultés françaises de droit*

Associate Professors

Ali GALADARI, Khalil GHOSN, Ahmad HIJAL, Jassem ALHOSANI, Rizk ZOGHEIB

Assistant Professors

Rita WAKED, Myrna SAAD, Nathalie SABBAGH, Melissa MOUZANNAR, Nada KHOURY (EI)

Lecturers

Suzanne ABDALLAH, Carole IBRAHIM, Maysaa NASR, Khalid ZAHER, Hassan ARAB, Christina YEPREMIAN, Khalil MECHANTAF, Anthony MRAD, Bachar ATTIEH, Mounir EL HAYEK, Larissa REDAELLI, Gabriel KHOURY, Salim SADER, Youssef BAKHACHE, Michele KHOURY (EI), Gordon BLANKE, Souhair NADDE, Dania FAHS, Georges ATTIEH



DEGREES AWARDED

Bachelor of Law
Master of Laws in Business Law

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Where are the law graduates of Saint Joseph University Dubai?

- In the judiciary;
- Pursuing postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom at the most prestigious international universities such as Oxford University, University of Leeds, London Business School;
- Lawyers at important law firms in the country;
- Legal consultants and researchers in ministries and government departments;
- Legal advisors to banks, international and local companies.

TUITION FEES

For the 23-24 academic year

Bachelor of Law

Price per credit: 920 AED + 5% VAT

Master of Laws in Business Law

Price per credit: 1,750 AED + 5% VAT

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF STUDY

I- Credits

Each program offered by the University requires the completion of a number of credits. For example, in order to obtain a Bachelor's degree, students shall pass 240 European credits (equivalent to 120 US credits). The total number of credits includes the credits of language courses offered by the university (Arabic, French and English), and the credits of the core and elective courses. The student is expected to allocate an average of 23.5 hours to 26.5 hours of study for each credit.

Students may register in a maximum of 60 new ECTS credits per year.


II- Semesters

The academic year consists of two semesters of 14 to 16 weeks each.

III- Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for theoretical lessons, supervised work, and practical work. The absence rate in any course shall not exceed 20% of the teaching hours.

If there is a conflict between attending a course in which the student has failed, and a new course that they have not previously taken, attendance preference will be given to the new course if it includes practical works. In order to grade the student in the failed course, the student must, under the supervision of the course instructor, be responsible for preparing all assignments, conducting research and submitting examinations. In the absence of such conflict, the student is obliged to attend the lectures of both courses and participate in the relevant supervised work.



IV- Grading

Students are graded according to the following:

- a. The exam grade is out of twenty points.
- b. The coefficient for each course is determined based on the number of credits allocated to that course.
- c. For courses subject to supervised work, the final grade consists of 50% for the “supervised exercises” grade and 50% for the final exam grade.
- d. All courses, with the exception of courses subject to supervised work, are subject to the practical work (TPC) system. The final grade for these courses consists of 25% of the grade for the practical work and 75% for the final exam.
- e. As for language courses, the final grade consists of 50% for the practical work grade and 50% for the final exam grade.

V- Exam sessions

- a. An exam session is organized at the end of each semester (January for the first semester; June for the second semester).
- b. A retake session is organized at the end of every semester: one in February for the first semester and another in September-October for the second semester.
- c. Regardless of the reason, a student shall not be absent during any exam session. If a student misses the two final exam sessions of a specific course, they will have failed that specific course. This absence shall not be compensated for by organizing an examination at a later date except in one of the following cases (provided that it is proven by an official document, accepted by the Vice Dean or the Head of program):
 - The death of a parent, brother, sister, husband, wife, or sons or daughters
 - The student’s illness with a serious and/or contagious disease, confirmed by medical reports
 - General Force Majeure

VI- Course validation and credit earning

A student will fail a course if their final grade, including the grade of the final exam and practical works is below 10/20. In order to earn the credits of the failed course, they must register again and succeed.

The student’s GPA is calculated at the end of each academic year based on the courses in which they are registered and after the re-take exams, if applicable. The minimum GPA shall permanently be equal to (2) to allow the student to advance in their academic path. A student who does not have a GPA of 2 at the end of their 2nd year is placed on probation, and accordingly must meet the required average during the academic year that follows the probation. If their GPA remains less than 2 at the end of the 3rd year, they will have to re-register for the courses they had previously registered for to raise their GPA and will not be allowed to register in new courses.

VII- Student progression

Enrollment in some courses is conditional upon the completion of pre-requisite courses.

VIII - Fraud and attempted fraud

In the event of fraud during the exams, the student’s exam paper is automatically annulled by the Vice Dean. They will be awarded a zero on this exam, and no further exam will be organized to compensate for the grade obtained. The student will also face disciplinary measures.